

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a client-server computer network, a computer assisted method for generating a panoramic image, comprising:
 - transmitting a raw photographic image to the server computer; and
 - processing the raw photographic image on the server computer to obtain the panoramic image.
2. The method of claim 1, further including importing the raw photographic image from a camera to the client computer.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the transmitting is from the client computer to the server computer.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting is from a camera to the server computer.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes unwarping the raw photographic image utilizing unwarping software installed on the server computer.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes adjusting the raw photographic image to orient and correct the exposure and white balance of the raw photographic image prior to obtaining the panoramic image.
7. The method of claim 1, further including transmitting the panoramic image from the server computer to the client computer.
8. The method of claim 7, further including viewing the panoramic image on the client computer.
9. The method of claim 1, further including transmitting the panoramic image to an additional computer for viewing.
10. The method of claim 1, further including embedding the panoramic image in a web page for viewing on a specified computer network.
11. In a client-server computer network, an apparatus for generating a panoramic image, comprising:
 - means for transmitting a raw photographic image to the server computer; and

means for processing the raw photographic image on the server computer to obtain the panoramic image.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the raw photographic image is imported from a camera to the client computer.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the means for processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes means for unwarping the raw photographic image.

14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the means for processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes means for adjusting the raw photographic image to orient the raw photographic image prior to obtaining the panoramic image.

15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the panoramic image is transmitted from the server computer to the client computer.

16. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the panoramic image is transmitted to an additional computer for viewing.

17. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the panoramic image is embedded in a web page for viewing on a specified computer network.

18. In a client-server computer network, a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the steps comprising:

transmitting a raw photographic image to the server computer; and
processing the raw photographic image on the server computer to obtain the panoramic image.

19. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes unwarping the raw photographic image utilizing unwarping software installed on the server computer.

20. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes adjusting the raw photographic image to orient and correct the exposure and white balance of the raw photographic image prior to obtaining the panoramic image.

21. The computer readable medium of claim 18, further including instructions for transmitting the panoramic image from the server computer to the client computer.

22. The computer readable medium of claim 18, further including instructions for transmitting the panoramic image to an additional computer for viewing.

23. The computer readable medium of claim 18, further including instructions for embedding the panoramic image in a web page for viewing on a specific computer network.

24. In a client-server computer network, a system for generating a panoramic image, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory device having data and instructions stored thereon which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to perform the steps of:

transmitting a raw photographic image to the server computer;
and

processing the raw photographic image on the server computer
to obtain the panoramic image.

25. The system of claim 24, further including instructions for importing the raw photographic image from a camera to the client computer.

26. The system of claim 24, wherein the processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes unwarping the raw photographic image utilizing unwarping software installed on the server computer.

27. The system of claim 24, wherein the processing of the raw photographic image on the server computer includes adjusting the raw photographic image to orient and correct the exposure and white balance of the raw photographic image prior to obtaining the panoramic image.

28. The system of claim 24, further including instructions for transmitting the panoramic image from the server computer to the client computer.

29. The system of claim 24, further including instructions for transmitting the panoramic image to an additional computer for viewing.

30. The system of claim 24, further including instructions for embedding the panoramic image in a web page for viewing on a specified computer network.

31. A client-server system for generating a panoramic image, wherein the server is configured to receive requests from the client, send responses to the client, and wherein the server is further configured to:

receive a raw photographic image from the server computer; and

process the raw photographic image on the server computer to obtain the panoramic image.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein the server is further configured to un warp the raw photographic image utilizing un warping software installed on the server computer.

33. The system of claim 31, wherein the server is further configured to adjust the raw photographic image to orient and correct the exposure and white balance of the raw photographic image.